

--This is a continuation application of copending Application No. 08.782,141,
filed on January 9, 1997, allowed on July 23, 2001.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2-18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject
matter.

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject
application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

To place the subject application in better form, the specification has been
amended to reflect its continuing status. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 is presented for consideration. Claims 2-18 have been cancelled
without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Applicant submits the instant application is in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
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Respectfully submitted,



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